

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Claims 1-16, drawn to an apparatus for producing a fiber-cement soffit from a fiber-cement panel; and

Claims 17-55, drawn to a method of fabricating a fiber-cement soffit.

In response, the applicants elect Group II without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-16 have been canceled.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. A check in the amount of the extension fee is enclosed. Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 319578007US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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